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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum provides the status of AB 188, which is the hospital provider fee clean up legislation; an overview of the Senate and Assembly Joint Committee informational hearing on water; information on a hearing of the Senate and Assembly Select Committee on Improving State Government; and action taken by the U.S. District Court to stop reductions to In-Home Supportive Services.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 188 (Jones), which includes the necessary legislation to implement the hospital provider fee legislation, AB 1383 (Chapter 627, Statutes of 2009), passed the Assembly on October 26, 2009 by a vote of 58 to 4, and now proceeds to the Governor for signature. AB 188, as amended October 14, 2009, contains: 1) an urgency clause; 2) a \$1 million appropriation to fund increased workload for the State Department of Health Care Services; and 3) the authority for funds to be distributed to hospitals and to fund the children's health care coverage.

Delta Protection and Water Delivery Informational Hearing

The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee and the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee held a Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta protection-and-water-delivery-system informational hearing on October 26, 2009. After opening remarks by Co-Chair Assembly Member Jared Huffman that clarified the

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informational purpose of the hearing, Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg presented the substance of SBX7 1 (Steinberg), introduced on October 23, 2009. Senator Steinberg noted that the 116 page bill would be amended to address SB 375 (Steinberg, Statutes of 2008, Transportation Planning) conformity and other "drafting" issues.

SBX7 1 primarily would amend the provisions of the Delta Protection Act of 1992 to, among other things: 1) create in the Natural Resources Agency the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy; 2) establish the conservancy as the primary State agency to implement ecosystem restoration/environmental protection and economic well-being efforts in the Delta; 3) establish a Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) as an independent agency of the State; and 4) require the DSC, on or before January 1, 2012, to develop, adopt, and commence implementation of a comprehensive Delta management plan (Delta Plan).

In addition, SBX7 1 would: 1) require the existing Delta Commission to prepare and submit to the Legislature, by July 1, 2010, recommendations on the potential expansion of, or change to the primary zone, or the Delta; 2) establish the Delta Investment Fund (Fund) in the State Treasury; 3) specify that moneys in the Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would be expended by the Delta Commission to implement the regional economic sustainability plan; and 4) establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Fund in the State Treasury, with moneys in the Fund, upon appropriation, to finance projects, including ecosystem restoration and economic sustainability projects. Senator Steinberg also noted that the financing mechanism negotiations with the Governor were under way.

Panelists and witnesses speaking in support of SBX7 1 included representatives of the Metropolitan Water District, Natural Resources Defense Council, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Those noting deficiencies in, or opposition to, the proposed legislation included representatives of the California Building Industry Association, "upstream" water agencies, and local/community groups. In addition, a Contra Costa County Supervisor spoke regarding local government concerns on behalf of a Delta Counties Supervisors delegation.

The next joint hearing of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife and Senate Natural Resources and Water Committees is scheduled for October 28, 2009.

Senate and Assembly Select Committee on Improving State Government

On October 22, 2009, the Senate and Assembly Select Committee on Improving State Government held the first of five hearings which are designed to evaluate ideas from

government think tanks, Administration officials and the public on how to make meaningful reforms to California's government. The Committee was recently formed to begin a bipartisan, bicameral approach to reform State government and to better serve the needs of Californians. The Committee is chaired by Senator Mark Desaulnier and Assembly Member Mike Feuer.

The first hearing focused on legislative and budget reforms including:

- Prioritizing issues/legislation;
- Limiting the number of bills introduced by members;
- Changing term limits to allow members to serve 12 years in either the Senate or the Assembly;
- Adopting two-year State budgets;
- Changing the rules governing the Legislature, such as reducing or eliminating "gut-and-amend legislation," which are bills stripped of their contents and replaced with a different subject matter;
- Condensing legislative sessions to allow more attention to government oversight; and
- Developing new calendar rules to postpone policy committee actions until the State budget is adopted.

The Select Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on the following dates:

- November 12, 2009, in the Bay Area to discuss "Ballot Box Budgeting and Initiative Reform;"
- December 3, 2009, in Los Angeles to discuss "Budget Process Reforms and Legislative Oversight of State Government Agencies and Departments;"
- December 15, 2009, in the Central Valley to discuss "Relationship and Responsibilities of State and Local Governments;" and
- January 12, 2009, in Sacramento. This final hearing will focus on a "Summary of the Committee's Preliminary Conclusions/Recommendations and Outline the Prospective Work Plan."

Court Injunction to Stop In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Reductions

On October 19, 2009, the United States District Court for Northern California issued a temporary injunction instructing the State to stop implementation of reductions in IHSS services scheduled to take effect on November 1, 2009.

The service reductions were enacted in ABX4 4, the Human Services Budget Trailer Bill (Chapter 4, Assembly Extraordinary Session 4) signed by the Governor on

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July 28, 2009. ABX4 4 eliminates IHSS domestic and related services for recipients who require minimal assistance, with no reduction for consumers receiving paramedical services, protective supervision, and/or at least 120 in overall IHSS service hours per month. The measure also eliminates all IHSS services for recipients who are the least functionally impaired, except for those with paramedical services or protective supervision and/or at least 120 in overall IHSS service hours per month.

In the ruling, the court determined that the written notice developed by the State to advise IHSS recipients of the service reductions was too hard to understand, gave recipients little time to file an appeal, and the State used inadequate standards to determine whose services would be cut.

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